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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPROVES \$325.8 MILLION FOR STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

LOS ANGELES – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has allocated \$325.8 million to 142 transportation projects that will alleviate traffic delays, repair aging roads and bridges and encourage bicycling and walking. Fifty one biking and pedestrian projects throughout the state will receive \$27 million in allocations from the Active Transportation Program.

“Caltrans is building transportation improvements that will benefit the state for decades to come,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Not only are we working to preserve our previous investments in the state highway system, but we are investing in projects that will expand the availability of alternative, more sustainable ways of getting from point A to point B.”

Active transportation projects funded include:

- \$486,000 to the city of Inglewood to develop an active transportation and Safe Routes to School plan.
- \$500,000 to the city of Glendale to develop a citywide pedestrian plan to enhance pedestrian safety.
- \$98,000 to the city of Cudahy to implement Safe Routes to School improvements.

The newly allocated funding also includes \$132 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program for 54 projects that will maintain and preserve the investment in the state highway system and its supporting infrastructure. These capital improvements consist of projects covering maintenance, safety improvements, pavement repair and rehabilitation and upgrades to bridges throughout the state.

“Caltrans is embracing a ‘fix it first’ strategy by focusing on preventative maintenance to our existing transportation infrastructure,” continued Director Dougherty. “We are striving to give California’s taxpayers the most bang for their buck because every \$1 spent on preventative pavement maintenance translates into a savings of \$6 to \$14 that would have been spent on expensive pavement repairs.”

The allocations also include \$8.4 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond approved by voters in 2006. To date, more than \$18 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work





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statewide for transportation purposes. The remaining \$158.4 million in allocations came from various state and federal transportation accounts.

Among the projects that received funding allocations today were:

- \$75.3 million to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the acquisition of 117 light rail vehicles to expand capacity.
- \$1.2 million to seal bridge decks, replace joint seals, patch spalls, and repair approach and departure slabs on 20 bridges on I-110 Between Florence Avenue and US 101 to extend bridge service life.
- \$4.1 million to the city of Los Angeles for an active traffic control system in Echo Park and Silver Lake, which will automatically change signal timing in real time to match current conditions.

For more information about all the projects that received allocations, please see the attached file.

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